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1. In March 1953, the activity which had been carried on at Pirna, suddenly stopped, and all the buildings which had been erected for the project, were given over to the civilian population. However, at the beginning of December 1953 the project, which dealt with airplane research, was resumed. At the present time, the old building of the research institute is again in operation. Approximately 300-400 engineers, construction personnel, technicians and administrative personnel, including some fifteen women, who work in the accounting and bookkeeping offices, are employed. The management of the project is in Russian hands.
2. Since the terrain of Sonnenstein is unsuitable for an airport because of climatic and technical reasons, new jet type planes are tested at the airport at Bischofswerda.
3. Since the beginning of March 1954, an administration building of the complex (the former Adolf-Hitler-School) has been occupied by a company of Volkspolizei.
4. The complex at Sonnenstein is guarded by some 60-70 Volkspolizei, who patrol the area with fixed bayonets and dogs.

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